

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 3-11 (immediately after the chemical formula occupying lines 1-2) to read as follows:

where n=2-4; X is O, RCR<sup>1</sup>; CR; C (n=4), CH (n=3), or CH<sub>2</sub> (n=2); NH; N; S; and R and/or R<sup>1</sup> is H, OH, a small alkyl group, such as CH<sub>3</sub> (such as CH<sub>3</sub>), or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> where m=1-6. Further included are bisphosphonic acids, which are also known as bisphosphonates, where X is preferably RCR<sup>1</sup>, where R and R<sup>1</sup> groups are chosen independently from OH, H<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, or CH<sub>3</sub>. For example, RCR<sup>1</sup> can be H<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C(OH) or CH<sub>3</sub>COH. More specifically, the bisphosphonates include etidronic acid ((1-Hydroxyethylidene)bisphosphonic acid) and pamidronic acid ((3-Amino- 1-hydroxypropylidene)bisphosphonic acid) where preferably n=2.

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